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In re patent application of: )  
Stuart Andrew Lomax ) Before the Examiner  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2009, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include the attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.